Thursday, *the* $\frac{\textit{16th December 1943}}{\textit{1st Dhanu 1119}}$

The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at half past eleven of the clock with the Hon'ble the President (Sir G. T. BOAG, K.C.I.E., C.S.I.) in the Chair.

Messrs. V. J. Mathai, A. L. Antony, H. J. Walmesley, C. K.S. Moni and Khan Sahib Ismail Hajee Essa Sait were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

AYURVEDIC MEDICINES—NON-AVAILABILITY OF

40. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether ഭൈമുലാരിഷ്ടം and ആസവാരിഷ്ടങ്ങൾ were available at the Sales Depot of the Ayurvedic Department at Ernakulam during the last week of Thulam 1119;

(*b*) if not, what is the reason for the non-availability?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: (*a*) ഭൈമുലാരിഷ്ടം was not available and there was stock of ആസവാരിഷ്ടങ്ങൾ for sale;

(*b*) The stock of ഭൈമുലാരിഷ്ടം had run short by the time, and it had to be replenished from the Central Store at Trichur.

FRESH APPOINTMENTS IN TALUK OFFICES—SERIOUS PREJUDICE TO WORK

41. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they are aware of the serious sufferance of work in the Taluk Offices due to the importation of hands unknown to revenue work into these offices;

(*b*) if the Government are not yet fully convinced will it please the Government to call for a report from the Diwan Peishkar in this behalf;

(*c*) if answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative will Government be pleased to state whether they will be good enough to take away the power of appointment to this Department at least from the Staff Selection Board without violating the principle of Communal representation principle?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*:

(*a*) No. In any well-managed office it should be possible so to arrange work that it does not suffer by the appointment of a few fresh hands from time to time.

(*b*) There is no need to call for a report from the Diwan Peishkar on this subject.

(*c*) Government regret that the suggestion cannot be accepted.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: May I know whether the Revenue Department is not one which requires some special experience in the despatch of work.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: In all offices work to some extent is mechanical.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural)*: How many clerks are there in the Chittur Office?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: It will be about five or six.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: Have the Government received any complaint from the Head of the Taluk Office that the frequent changes in their staff is dislocating the work and they are causing some trouble?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: The difficulty to manage with fresh hands is common in all Departments and it is not particular to one Department alone. As a matter of fact in the Secretariat there are quite a number of hands who are engaged recently. Somehow or other we are training them up and managing with them. That is the only way to do.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: May I know where there is not extreme delay in the despatch of work in the Taluk Office at Vadakkancheri?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: If there is delay in the despatch of work the person responsible will have to explain for it.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: Will Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that applications for transfer of registry are pending years old?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: I want notice.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know Sir, who this exporter is, with regard to the importation that is mentioned in sub-clause (*a*)? Naturally it must be exported by somebody.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: It is not a case of export and import. For one thing the Food Department is organised and a few hands from the Revenue Department had to be taken over there. Then certain hands volunteered for war service in the earlier years of war. That was one other reason. The third reason was, the work increased in all the offices throughout the State and naturally new hands had to be appointed. Fresh posts were sanctioned and that necessitated again the appointments of inexperienced clerks. It is all these factors together that have brought about rather an inconvenient situation now. But that has to be got over somehow.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know whether the Hon'ble Secretary is in a position to give an answer which is sought for; 'Importation' is mentioned here in the question. Naturally it must be the result of export. I want to know which is the agency that exported them.

Mr. President: Order, order. The Government are not responsible for the wording of the question.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Will Government be pleased to state how they have been pleased to understand the meaning of the word 'Importation', in what sense have they understood that.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: Appointment.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know, Sir, who is the appointing agency that sends these hands to these offices?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: They are all appointments made by the Staff Selection Board. Up to Rs. 100 it is the Staff Selection Board that makes the appointment. Above that it is the Government.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: With regard to the fixed rules of the Staff Selection Board, do things take place like this? *i. e.*, a gentleman having experience of an Anchal Master for 12 days is necessitated to be sent down to the Medical Office, surely as a clerk for another 20 days and later on to School Master's post and later on to Forester's post? Does not that take place?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: There is no compulsion like that. So long as the minimum qualification for the different posts is the same there is no objection to appoint the same hand to different posts when vacancies arise. That has to be done in case he happens to be the seniormost and also the claim of the particular community to which he belongs has to be satisfied. There is no compulsion to send him to different incongruous posts like this.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: My question was because of the fixed rules in the Staff Selection Board whether this as a matter of fact does not take place?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: It may happen and sometimes does happen.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: In view of the answer with the word "sometimes", is it not the case, often it does happen?

Mr. President: Order, order. Government have given their answer.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: The supplementary question is.....

Mr. President: The answer is "sometimes". You cannot compel Government to alter that.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Thank you for the information and correction. Therefore I seek to enquire further whether instead of "sometimes" as answered by the Secretary....

Mr. President: Order, order.

STAFF SELECTION BOARD—QUESTION OF ABOLITION

42. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have noted the Editorial article in the "Sahodaran" dated 6th Thulam 1119, under the Caption (അവരുടെ പണിത്തരങ്ങൾ) "the nature of their workings";

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